



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Robert J. Lickton

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For: MASTER CHAIN LINK

Group Art Unit: 3506

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37 CFR §1.131 Affidavit of
Robert J. Lickton

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I, Robert J. Lickton, being duly sworn, hereby depose and
say that:

1. I have been employed by R. L. L. Limited (hereinafter
"R. L. L."), assignee of the above referenced patent application,
since before January 12, 1993 (filing date of U.S. Pat. No.
5,299,416 to Wu, which in turn is prior to the filing date of
U.S. Patent No. 5,291,730 to Wu) to present.

2. I invented the invention claimed in claims 1-19 of the
above referenced patent application in the United States of
America before January 12, 1993.

3. The documents, attached hereto and dated prior to
January 12, 1993, are true photocopies of a sketch, a production
blueprint, and a billing invoice. The sketch, dated prior to
January 12, 1993, shows conception of the invention of claims 1-
19 in the United States of America prior to January 12, 1993
(filing date of U.S. Patent No. 5,299,416 to Wu, which in turn is

prior to the filing date of U.S. Patent No. 5,291,730 to Wu). The sketch is a top plan view of a plate of a master chain link embodying the claimed invention. The illustrated plate of the master chain link includes an aperture having a narrow circular portion, a wide circular portion, and an elongated slot connecting the narrow circular portion to the wide circular portion. The narrow circular portion has a countersink formed therein for receiving and substantially concealing the head of a pin attached to an opposing plate. The elongated slot permits movement of the pin head between the narrow circular portion and the wide circular portion. The right end of the illustrated plate (as viewed in the sketch) forms an extension for preventing movement of the pin head from the narrow circular portion to the wide curvilinear portion (i.e., preventing disengagement) without rotating the chain link out of line relative to an adjacent interconnected roller link.

The billing invoice dated June 3, 1993, illustrates that the master chain link embodying the claimed invention was actually reduced to practice at least as early as June 3, 1993. The master chain link was actually delivered two to three weeks prior to June 3, 1993. The manufacturer (VANART ENGINEERING COMPANY) used the blueprint dated April 30, 1993, to produce the master chain link. As evidenced by the short lapse of time between the time just prior to January 12, 1993, and the aforementioned date of actual reduction to practice (at least as early as June 3, 1993), I worked diligently in the completion of the claimed

invention from the time just prior January 12, 1993, to the date of actual reduction to practice.

4. In view of the sketch, the production blueprint, and the billing invoice, there was conception of the claimed invention prior to January 12, 1993, coupled with due diligence from prior to said date to a subsequent actual reduction to practice.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.


Robert J. Lickton

6/16/94
Date

ALL PERIPHERAL / NO HOLE EDGES
MUST BE FREE OF SHARP EDGES
ALSO SURF

~~AL- EAD. MUST BLEND.~~

THE MALE RIAL GRAIN MUST RUN
AS INDICATED.

THE SURFA MUST BE
OF EVEN AND ROUGH

SuperLink III improvement

AD head
size counter
to process
only movement

EXTENSIVE
TO PREVENT

10/2/90
H. L. L.

R.L.L. LIMITED	
RIVER FOREST, ILLINOIS 60305	
DATE: 5X	APPROVED BY:
E. 6-8-90	
DRAWN BY: F.J.C.	
REVISED	
MATERIAL: SAE 1095 COLD ROLLED ANNEALED	
SPRING STEEL #20GAGE (0.357.001)	
DATE: CONTACTING LINK.	
DRAWING NUMBER	
7D-21-0002	

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VANART ENGINEERING COMPANY

DESIGNING • EXPERIMENTAL DEVELOPMENT • MANUFACTURING
TOOLS • DIES • FIXTURES • METAL STAMPINGS
FROM IDEA TO COMPLETED PRODUCT


INVOICE No. 54873

Sold to

ATTN: ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
LICKTON'S CYCLE CITY
310 LAKE ST
OAK PARK IL 60302

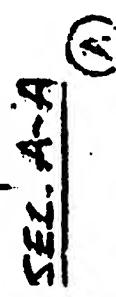
Delivered to

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DATE June 3, 1993		YOUR ORDER NO. VERBAL BOB LICKTON		OUR ORDER NO.		TOOLING . . . NET 30 DAYS TERMS: Production 1% 10 days; net 30			
QUANTITY		DESCRIPTION				PRICE		TOTAL	
500 pcs.		PART#TD-16-0002 CONNECTING LINK							
		CHANGE TOOLING TO COIN .010 CHAMFER AND HOLE DIA.:						\$480.00	
		STAMP SUPER LINK 111:						150.00	
		CONNECTING LINKS				\$73.50/M		\$ 36.75	
		 ONE CARTON				TOTAL:		\$666.75	
		ORDER COMPLETE				THANK YOU			

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RIVER FOREST ILLINOIS 60305

MATL: SAE 1095 COLD ROLLED ANNEALED
SPRING STEEL 1206 SAGE (0351.00)

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